



MS RCE  
PATENT  
0879-0242P

# 24  
6-27-03  
Robul-  
RCE/EOT

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takeshi MISAWA Conf.: 9612  
Appl. No.: 09/432,087 Group: 2835  
Filed: November 2, 1999 Examiner: A. VORTMAN  
For: ARRANGEMENT OF CARD SLOT IN LAPTOP  
COMPUTER

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

MS RCE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 24, 2003

RECEIVED  
JUN 26 2003  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800 37

Sir:

This is a "Request for Continued Examination" under  
C.F.R. § 1.114, the provisions of which do not apply to:

(1) A provisional application; (2) An application for a  
utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before  
June 8, 1995; (3) An international application filed under  
35 U.S.C. §363 before June 8, 1995; (4) An application for a  
design patent; or (5) A patent under reexamination.

Submission of an RCE is limited to an application in which  
prosecution is closed; e.g. final rejection, Ex Parte  
Quayle; or notice of allowability

☒ This Request for Continued Examination is being filed prior  
to the earliest of:

(1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under  
§ 1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or  
(3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of  
Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or  
the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or  
146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.

☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via the  
Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

06/25/2003 SDENB081 00000053 09432087

750.00 OP  
110.00 OP

01 FC:1801  
02 FC:1251

☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via facsimile.

☒ **Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:**

Enter as part of the present submission:

☒ An After Final Amendment previously filed on June 3, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the present application.

☐ Arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

☐ A Reply Under Rule 1.111, attached hereto. Claim fee(s) are calculated as set forth below:

	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS BEING FILED HEREWITH	<b><u>NUMBER EXTRA</u></b>	Large Entity		Small Entity	
				Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	23	17 =	0	X 18	\$	X 9	\$
Independent Claims	6	6 =	0	X 84	\$	X 42	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM</b>				280	\$	140	\$
<b>TOTAL CLAIM FEE(S)</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>	

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 form(s) is/are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

☐ Other:

☐ **Miscellaneous**

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ( ) months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months.)

☒ **Fees**

The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed, is enclosed herewith:

☐ \$375.00 - small entity

☒ \$750.00 - large entity

☒ The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of one (1) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). The fee has been calculated as shown below:

☒ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$110.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

☐ An extension of ( ) month(s) was previously requested and paid for on in the instant application. Thus, a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional ( ) month(s) extension.

☐ The fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for suspension of action is enclosed.

☒ Enclosed is(are) check(s) in the total amount of \$860.00 for the applicable filing fee, additional claims fee, suspension fee, and/or extension fees.

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By

Michael K. Mutter, #29,680

*cm*  
MKM/CMV/jdm  
0879-0242P

P.O. Box 747  
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747  
(703) 205-8000

Attachment(s)

(Rev. 04/30/03)